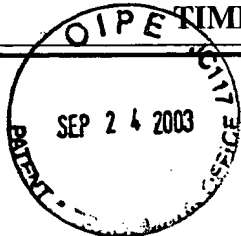


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COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)			Docket No. BAF-11302/29		
In Re Application Of: Ferree SEP 24 2003					
Serial No. 09/897,000	Filing Date July 2, 2001	Examiner S. Wegert	Group Art Unit 1647		
Invention: METHOD OF TREATING DISC HERNIATION AND DISC DEGENERATION WITH CONCENTRATED GROWTH AND DIFFERENTIATION FACTORS					
<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">RECEIVED</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">SEP 30 2003</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">TECH CENTER 1600/2900</div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"><u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for the response to the Office Action of <u>April 22, 2003</u> in the above-identified application. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">Date</div> </p> <p>The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> One month <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months </div> </div> <p>from: <u>July 22, 2003</u> until: <u>Sept. 22, 2003</u> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 0.8em;">Date Date</div> </p> <p>A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:</p> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has already been filed in this application. </div> <p>The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:</p>					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	7 -	20 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	1 -	3 =	0	x \$42.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$205.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$205.00
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